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PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS



1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.

2. MUSIC: RANGER SONG

3. ANNOUNCER: The terrible depredations wreaked on our forests by fire  
4. are well known to all of us. And we also know that in  
5. order to save our forests from the ravages of fire we must  
6. maintain adequate forces for fire prevention and  
7. suppression all the time. Our forests give us timber for  
8. our homes, employment for many of our men-folks, a place  
9. for healthful recreation and inspiration and many other of  
10. life's essentials. So providing for their protection is  
11. just good common sense. But listen to this: There are  
12. two other enemies of the forest that in some places do an  
13. even greater amount of damage to our forests than fire.  
14. These enemies are insects and disease. The attack of  
15. insects and disease aren't as spectacular as fire and at  
16. first they seem of little consequence. But they sometimes  
17. develop into terrible epidemics and if not checked soon  
18. enough take the proportions of national disasters.  
19. Chestnut, one of our most valuable eastern hardwood species,  
20. has been virtually wiped out by disease. Blister rust is  
21. waging a life and death struggle against our exceedingly  
22. valuable white and sugar pines right now. In a five year  
23. period western pine beetles in the States of Washington  
24. and Oregon killed 15 times as much ponderosa pine as was  
25. destroyed by fire. (MORE)



1. ANNOUNCER: CONTINUED      These are just a few examples of how insects  
2.      and disease work. But they all add up to one thing: We  
3.      must be constantly and fully prepared to meet and suppress  
4.      these epidemics of forest insects and diseases wherever and  
5.      whenever they occur. National defense on the home front  
6.      must not be neglected if we are to preserve and maintain our  
7.      forests -- one of the basic resources upon which national  
8.      welfare depends.  
9.      But now let's return to our good friends, the protectors of  
10.     the Pine Cone National Forest. At the Winding Creek Ranger  
11.     Station we find Ranger Jim Robbins and Jerry in the office  
12.     going over some official bulletins and papers.  
13. JERRY:      (READING) By George, Jim, this is good. It's about time  
14.      somebody gave them some credit.  
15. JIM:      What's that, Jerry?  
16. JERRY:      I say it's about time something like this was said. They...  
17. JIM:      What's that thing you're readin' there anyway?  
18. JERRY:      Oh, it's this report of the big fire meeting they had last  
19.      winter over at the Region 4 office in      Ogden, Utah. I  
20.      don't think you've had a chance to look at it yet. But  
21.      listen to his.  
22. JIM:      I'm listenin'. Go ahead and shoot.  
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1. JERRY: It says here (READS) "During the fire season the wives of  
2. forest rangers and fire dispatchers often perform great  
3. service for which they are seldom given even an honorable  
4. mention. In some instances they shoulder critical  
5. responsibilities and carry them through with the utmost  
6. dispatch and efficiency. These women are often the unsung  
7. heroes of our fire fighting activities and we should  
8. certainly give them credit wherever credit is due." (A SLIGHT  
9. PAUSE) I think that's a pretty good statement ... and it's  
10. certainly true ... What the dickens are you grinn' about  
11. now? What's funny about that?

12. JIM: (CHUCKLES) There's nothin' funny about it, Jerry. But I  
13. was just thinking maybe what you need is a good upstanding  
14. wife to do your fire-fighting for you.

15. JERRY: Aw but Jim, I'm not kiddin'. I'm serious.

16. JIM: Well, so am I. What that says is dead right. Our women  
17. folk deserve plenty of credit.

18. JERRY: By jiminy I can think of a lot of tight spots Mrs. Robbins  
19. helped pull you out of.

20. JIM: I'll agree, Jerry. There've been times when Bess has  
21. carried on a man's work and I don't know what I'd have done  
22. without her. She's a real soldier and sometimes I think she  
23. could probably run this district as well or better than I  
24. can myself.

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1. JERRY: Well I wouldn't want it to ever come to the place where a
2. man had to have a marriage certificate before he could be
3. a ranger. But I do think we ought to do something to show
4. our appreciation.
5. JIM: What do you think we ought to do, Jerry ... present 'em
6. with a medal of some kind?
7. JERRY: (LAUGHS) If you ask me I think every woman that marries a
8. forester deserves some kind of a medal. As busy as a ranger
9. is and as much time as he spends away from home it's just
10. like the woman signs her life over to becomin' a grass
11. widow ... No but seriously, Jim, don't you think we could do
12. something for Mrs. Robbins and ... and Mary, just to show our
13. appreciation?
14. JIM (AMUSED) Well we might do something for Bess if you want to
15. but I can't quite see where Mary fits into the picture. She
16. isn't married to any forester.
17. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Well, maybe some day, Jim ... Anyway, she's been
18. goin' around with one of 'em long enough ... Now look Jim,
19. while we've still got a chance, before the fire season
20. gets going too strong and we'll be hog-tied for the rest
21. of the summer, why don't we take Bess and Mary somewhere and
22. really do something for 'em?
23. JIM: Where do you think we ought to take 'em?
24. JERRY: Well I dunno, but we ought to be able to take 'em somewhere.
25. (SUDDENLY) By George, I've got an idea, Jim.





1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, be careful with it ... they don't come  
2. very often.
3. JERRY: Let's take Bess and Mary on a picnic. They both like to get  
4. out in the woods. We'll buy the grub and we'll do all the  
5. work and everything and we'll take them up to our new  
6. campground there at Rock Creek Falls. It's quiet and  
7. secluded there and we'll just let them take the day off and  
8. rest and enjoy themselves. What do you think of it?
9. JIM: Well I don't want to set any precedents here that might spoil  
10. a good thing that its taken me years to build up, Jerry,  
11. and I don't want you to get off on the wrong foot with Mary  
12. either ... but I reckon if you want to do it I'm all for it.  
13. When's this picnic to take place?
14. JERRY: Right now ... tomorrow I mean. We'll make tomorrow a day  
15. off for the women. We'll do all the work and we won't talk  
16. shop and ... Come on Jim. You go and tell Mrs. Robbins and  
17. (FADING) I'll call Mary right now!
18. MUSIC UP AND OUT
19. FADE IN SOUND OF CAR - COMES TO STOP - DOORS SLAM
20. JIM: Well, here we are folks.
21. MARY: (FADING IN) Isn't it wonderful, Mrs. Robbins? This is the  
22. first time we've all been together out in the woods on a  
23. picnic trip in I don't know how long.  
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1. BESS: I still can't believe it, Mary. I'm sure if it hadn't been  
 2. for Jerry feeling sorry for us it never would have happened.  
 3. I can't imagine Jim here agreeing to get his Sunday dinner  
 4. of his own free accord.

5. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Aw Mrs. Robbins, Jim was all for it. It wasn't  
 6. his fault he couldn't find the coffee pot or anything, and  
 7. had to holler for your help before we could get started.

8. JIM: You see Jerry. That's the way it goes. They never  
 9. have any faith in you. Even when you try to show 'em a  
 10. good time they don't appreciate it.

11. BESS: Oh Jim you know I was just fooling. You and Jerry have  
 12. been just grand. And you know how much I appreciate  
 13. getting out in the woods with you.

14. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I remember once when you didn't appreciate being  
 15. out with me so much. Do you remember that?

16. BESS: (LAUGHS) Oh that was a terrible trip. But that wasn't  
 17. anything like this, Jim. My goodness that was so long ago  
 18. it's almost ancient history.

19. MARY: What kind of a trip was that, Mrs. Robbins?

20. BESS: (SHORT LAUGH) Oh Mary, it was right after Jim and I came to  
 21. Winding Creek to live. I got lonesome staying at the ranger  
 22. station by myself all the time while Jim was out in the  
 23. woods and I kept nagging him to take me with him 'til one  
 24. day he did. He and Bert Ellsworth ... I think it was Bert  
 25. that went along wasn't it Jim?





1. JIM: Yes. Bert was in the party.

2. BESS: Well Jim and Bert and I started out on this three-day

3. horseback trip with pack horses and camping equipment

4. and everything and I was so excited I could hardly

5. sit still in the saddle. Then about an hour after we

6. left the ranger station it started to rain ... and from

7. then on it rained continuously for the whole three days.

8. I'll never forget that trip as long as I live.

9. JIM: She was all spruced up fresh as a daisy when we left Jerry

10. and when we got back she looked just like a drowned rat.

11. JERRY: (LAUGHS) I can imagine just how she looked.

12. MARY: It must have been awful.

13. BESS: Yes, Mary, but that wasn't the worst of it. All Jim and

14. Bert Ellsworth did was to talk forestry, forestry, forestry,

15. morning, noon and night. And they didn't pay any attention

16. to me at all.

17. JIM: Well, we're making up for it today, Bess. The sun's out

18. nice and bright so you won't have to worry about getting wet

19. and Jerry and I haven't talked shop once.

20. JERRY: No sir we aren't talking shop today, and that isn't all,

21. either. Jim and I are going to take care of everything,

22. and all you ladies have to do is just take it easy and

23. have fun.

24. BESS: Oh, it's lovely here. Do many people come up here Jim?

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1. JERRY: We just got the campground done last fall, Mrs. Robbins,  
2. so not many people are coming up here yet. There's room  
3. for a lot of cars to park here though ... see. And places  
4. for trailer parking too. To my way of thinking this is one  
5. of the nicest little camp-grounds on the whole district.

6. MARY: It certainly is nice. The big pines all around and the  
7. little waterfall coming over the cliff and the sun shining  
8. through the trees ... Oh come on, let's get out and enjoy  
9. it.

10. BESS: Where are we going to eat, Jerry?

11. JERRY: Now you just forget all about all that, Mrs. Robbins ...  
12. 'til Jim and I tell you to come and get it. I've got the  
13. spot where we'll eat all picked out.

14. JIM: Yes Bess, you and Mary go on and amuse yourselves now and  
15. let Jerry and me handle this eating proposition. We're  
16. going to show you what a real picnic dinner is like ... Come  
17. on, Jerry, let's get the stuff unloaded.

18. JERRY: Okay. You take this box of grub, Jim, and I'll bring the  
19. dishes.

20. SOUND OF SLIDING BOX OUT OF CAR AND RATTLE OF DISHES

21. JIM: Here Jerry. Hand me the axe too, and then we won't have to  
22. make a second trip.

23. JERRY: Okay. There you are Jim. I guess that's all we want now  
24. out of here...(SOUND OF CAR DOOR CLOSING) I'll get some  
25. wood for the fire Jim, while you get things ready ...





1. MARY: (SLIGHTLY OFF CALLS) Oh Jerry, look at those trees up there  
2. on the mountain. What makes them such a funny yellow color  
3. when all the other trees are so green?  
4. JERRY: (COMING ON) I can't see 'em now, Mary. Wait'll I set this  
5. stuff down here on the table.  
6. BESS: Did you bring along the frying pan, Jerry? My goodness, if  
7. you and Jim didn't forget something I'll certainly be  
8. surprised.  
9. JERRY: (LAUGHS) I got the frying pan all right, Mrs. Robbins, and  
10. this is one time when we didn't forget a thing.  
11. JIM: Why don't you and Mary go over and wade in the creek or  
12. something, Bess, and get out from underfoot. How are Jerry  
13. and me going to get dinner underway with you two around  
14. here worrying us all the time?  
15. MARY: All right, we'll go over by the water. But tell me about  
16. those yellow trees first.  
17. JIM: What trees are you talking about?  
18. MARY: That clump right up there on the mountain. See? They're all  
19. funny colored.  
20. JIM: H-m-m Say, look at those trees over there, Jerry.  
21. JERRY: Yeah. I was just thinking ... Jim.  
22. JIM: I think we better take a look at those trees.  
23. JERRY: Yeah ... come on, we better look 'em over. (FADING) We'll be  
24. back in a few minutes, folks ...  
25. MUSIC UP AND OUT





1. JERRY: (COMING ON) That's the worst outbreak of beetles we've had
2. here on the district in years, isn't it Jim?
3. JIM: (COMING ON) Yeah. It looks bad. I'll have to report this
4. to Bert Ellsworth first thing in the morning and have
5. somebody from the Bureau of Entomology come out here and
6. make an investigation. It's in a bad spot, all right.
7. JERRY: Yeah. We don't want that infestation to spread.
8. JIM: No. It'd ruin this whole recreation area.
9. JERRY: Say, Mary, you certainly spotted something that time. You
10. ought to see those trees. They're practically riddled and
11. there's no telling how far this bug attack has spread.
12. Look here. Jim and I peeled some of the bark off and I
13. brought these grubs back. See?
14. MARY: Are those bark beetle grubs?
15. JERRY: Yeah. (SUDDEN SURPRISE) Say, what's been goin' on here
16. anyway? You got dinner all on the table and you're fryin'
17. the meat. Well for ...
18. JIM: What's the idea? Jerry and I were comin' right back ...
19. JERRY: Yeah, this was s'posed to have been our picnic ...
20. BESS: We'd have been here all night if we'd waited on you two,
21. Jim. I know you too well. Come on ... Mary and I got
22. everything ready.
23. JIM: Well ... (STARTS CHUCKLING) anyhow, we meant well, Bess.
24. MUSIC: FINALE
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1. ANNOUNCER: (CHUCKLES) Well, that's what happens when you're  
2. married to a forester. Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers  
3. come to you each Friday on the National Farm and Home  
4. Hour as a presentation of the National Broadcasting  
5. Company with the cooperation of the United States  
6. Forest Service.

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